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Re:

Gen. Docket No. 90-314

ET Docket No. 92-100 PP Docket No. 93-253 Ex Parte Presentation

Dear Mr. Caton:

Enclosed pursuant to Section 1.1206(a)(1) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1206(a)(1) (1992), are two copies of a written ex parte presentation made to Chairman Hundt in connection with the above-referenced docketed proceedings. Questions or correspondence with respect to this matter may be directed to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Tom W. Davidson, P.C.

Enclosures

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Honorable Reed Hundt Chairman FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION 1919 M Street, NW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I enjoyed our recent meeting to discuss several of the important issues that you are handling at the FCC. You have your hands full!

I was particularly pleased to have the opportunity to discuss with you issues of concern to minorities. You are grappling with many issues that will have great impact on the ability of minorities to have access to telecommunications technologies. I define access broadly, to include access to communications technologies that will transform our economy and our lives, access to employment opportunities in the communications industry, and access to ownership opportunities.

The Commission is now poised to make a historic decision that will determine whether minorities will have meaningful opportunities to participate in the ownership of personal communications services. As you know, I do not represent any clients on these issues. My interest has been solely to assist you and the Commission in grappling with these important issues.

I appreciate that this is an exceedingly difficult task, which involves balancing many competing interests. I also appreciate that you have approached this task sincerely, with a refreshing willingness to reach out to many elements of the minority community for input.

The "entrepreneurs' blocks" proposal that you have presented to the other Commissioners certainly reflects the sincerity of your effort to reach out to the minority community and to listen to their concerns. I share the Administration's view that the "entrepreneurs' blocks" proposal

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is a creative approach that will provide a level playing field for minorities, and indeed, all of the "designated entities" who seek opportunities to participate in this important technology. It incorporates a number of useful tools, including installment payments, bidding credits and tax certificates, which will create powerful incentives to remedy the severe under-representation of minorities as providers of telecommunications services. I commend the proposal and, equally important, your sincere outreach to the minority community that will make the proposal a reality.

Sin**ge**rely,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.